GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1063

Dated:20-09-2011, Read the following:-

- 1) From the DG, ACB, Hyd. in Lr.Rc.No.07/RCA-WVP/ 2010-S11, dated 23-5-2011.
- 2) Govt.Memo. No. 638/Vig.I-1/2010- 8, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dated 19-9-2011.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). A list of witnesses by whom, and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-II and III).
- 3. Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this G.O. a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.
- 4. He is informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.
- 5. Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.
- 6. Attention of Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
- 7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Sri K. Chengappa, ADA (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District (through the C&DA, Hyderabad.)

Copy to:

The C&DA, Hyderabad with a request to serve the order on the charged officer and return the served copy with dated ack., The DG, ACB, Hyderabad. SC/Sf.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

ANNEXURE-I

DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.CHENGAPPA, M.SC(AG)., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SOIL CONSERVATION), ARAKUVALLEY, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Article of Charges:- That Sri Karakantha Chengappa joined in Government service in Agriculture Department on 02-08-1992 as Agricultural Officer. He worked as Mandal Agricultural Officer at various mandals in Srikakulam district from 02.08.1992 to 20.09.2008. He got promotion as Assistant Director of Agriculture on 21.09.2008 and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley since 23.9.2009. While working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvallepy, he has committed grave misconduct in as much as by furnishing false and fabricated Annual Property Returns of the Accused Officer Pragada Sanjeeva Rao in Cr.No.01/RCA-ACB-VSP/2010 by tampering the office records in collusion with the said Sanjeeva Rao, as if they were filed in time and to facilitate him to get out of the disproportion of assets case.

Thus Sri K.Chengappa by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by contravened the Rule 3(1)(2) of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAISNT SRI K.CHENGAPPA, M.SC(AG)., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SOIL CONSERVATION), ARAKUVALLY, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

Sri Karakanta Chegnappa is a native of Chittoor and his date of birth is 14.11.1958. Sri Karakanta Chengappa joined Govt. Service on 02.08.1992 as Agriculture Officer in Agriculture Department. He worked as Mandal Agricultural Officer at various mandals in Srikakulam district from 02.08.1992 to 20.09.2008. He got promotion as Assistant Director of Agriculture on 21.09.2008 and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvally since 23.9.2009. He is drawing Basic pay of Rs.31,550/- in the time scale of Rs.19,050/- 45,850/-. Sri Karakunta Chengappa is due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2016. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

On credible information that Sri Pragada Sanjeeva Rao, Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o. the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam district while working as public servant, had indulged himself in corrupt and dubious practices, acquired assets in his name, in the names of his family members and his relatives, which are disproportionate to his known sources of income, a case in CrNo.01/RCA-VSP/2010 under section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e)of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered on 07-01-2010 and investigated into.

While the case is under investigation the Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhpatnam furnished information vide his letter No.Estt.(2)1191/09, Dt.19.07.2010 and informed that Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao did not obtain any permission to acquire and dispose of any movable and immovable properties in his name and in the name of his family members and he did not furnish the Annual Property Returns during his service i.e from his date of joining in to service ie 10.04.1987 to 07.10.2010.

But, K.Chengappa the Asst. Director of Agriculture, (Soil Conservation), Araku Valley (Government servant) furnished attested Photostat copies of Annual Property Returns said to have been filed by Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao for the years 2000 to 2003 and 2005 to 2009 in a bunch along with his letter in Rr.No.E/5/2010, dated 11.02.2010.

On that the Investigating Officer addressed a letter to the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation, Araku Valley with a request to furnish the Original APRs filed by Sanjeeva Rao. Accordingly the A.D, Agriculture furnished the Original APRs filed by P.Sanjeeva Rao along with covering letter in Rc.No.E/5/2010, dt. 21.4.2010. When the above Photostat copies of APRs furnished by the Original APRs furnished A.D Agriculture were compared with the Original APRs furnished by the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley there was a discrepancy found in the APR for the year 2001. In the original Annexure-I, nil is shown below column No.6 whereas the same was shown below column No.5 in the attested copy. In original Annexure-II, NIL was shown below column -4 while the same was shown in the attested copy below column-5. Likewise some differences were observed in other APRs also. It is quite evident that the original APRs and the Photostat copies are not one and the same and they were filed after the registration of D.A case.

On examination Sri Paleru Bhadrachalam S/o late Veera Swamy, 57 years, Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhpatnam stated that he has been working as Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam since 11.3.2010. According to the office procedure, the Agriculture Extension Officers should furnish the Annual Property Returns to the Office of Jt. Director of Agriculture through Assistant Director of Agriculture. After receipt of the APRs from Assistant Director of Agriculture they will be filed in their office records. As per their office records, the APRs of Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, Agriculture Extension Officer were not received in his office. He further stated that the Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC) Araku Valley, sent the copies of APRs of Sri P.Sanjeev Rao, for the last 10 years vide Lr.No.Endt.No.E/5/2010, Dt.10.03.2010 in a bunch along with representation of Sri P.Sanjeev Rao requesting to accord permission to purchase a four wheeler (car.). On that he returned the same to the Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC) Araku Valley vide memo No.Estt.(2)1192/2009(2), dt.19.07.2010 without receiving the said bunch of APRs.

The Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam who is competent authority to receive and maintain APRs clearly informed that P.Sanjeeva Rao did not submit the APRs during his service.

From the above, it is evident that the Government Servant has furnished false and fabricated Annual Property Returns of Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao by tampering the office records in collusion with the said Sanjeeva Rao, as if they were filed in time and to facilitate him to get out of the disproportion of assets case.

Thus Sri K.Chengappa, Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC), Araku valley, Visakhapatnam district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thus violated Rule 3(1)(2) of the APCS(Conduct)rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OFDOCUMENTS

- 1) Letter No.Estt.(2) 1191/09, Dt.19.7.20-10 of the Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam.
- 2) Letter in Rc.No.E/5/2010, dated 11-02-2010 of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Araku Valley along with attested Photostat copies of Annual Property Returns filed by the A.O for the years 2000 to 2003 and 2005 to 2009.
- 3) Letter in Rc No.E/5/2010, dt.21.04.2010 of the Asst. Director, Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Araku Valley along with Original APRs filed by the A.O for the years 2000 to 2003 and 2005 to 2009.
- 4) Statement of Sri Paleru Bhadrachalam S/o late Veera Swamy, 57 years, Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhpatnam.
- 5) Letter Endt. No.E/5/10, dt.10.3.2010.
- 6) Memo No.Estt.(2)1192/2009(2) DT.19.7.2010.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES

- 1. Sri Paleru Bhadrachalam S/o late Veera Swamy, 57 years, Jt. Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam.
- 2. Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, formerly Inceptor of Police, ACB, Visakhpatnam.

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